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Miss Anna Lord Strauss
President
League of Women Voters
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Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Miss Strauss:

Replies to the questions contained in your letter of 5 October are given below.

1. Loyalty and security cases are handled separately.
2. Separate boards of Agency senior officials have been appointed to act upon and make recommendations in each type of case.
3. In security cases the Director of Central Intelligence is the final source of appeal. In loyalty cases the final source is the Civil Service Commission Loyalty Review Board.
4. Advice as to nature of charges and the presence of adverse witnesses is provided to the fullest possible extent commensurate with essential security requirements.
5. Disloyalty standards are the same as for any agency of government. Security standards are based on complete personal integrity, financial and mental stability, individual discretion, and moral strength.
6. Information relative to number of cases cannot be made available.

I trust that the above data may be helpful, and suggest that any requests for further information be addressed to me.

Sincerely,

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R. H. MILLENKOETTER
Rear Admiral, USN
Director of Central Intelligence

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MISS ANNA LORD STRAUSS
President

October 5, 1948

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Washington, D. C.

My Dear Admiral:

The League of Women Voters, established in 1920 to promote citizen participation in government, has for many years been interested both in public administration and particularly in sound personnel practices.

In this connection, we are presently preparing for publication a pamphlet which deals, among other things, with the Federal loyalty program.

We are aware of course that your Department (Agency) is defined as a "security" agency and that you as its head are authorized to discharge employees without reference to Executive Order 9835.

From the Civil Service Commission we have obtained certain data with respect to the agencies operating under the Executive Order exclusively. We would like to round out this picture with information as to the procedure being followed by the security agencies in dealing with employees suspected of being subversive, disloyal or security risks. We would therefore appreciate your giving us the following information:

1. Do you distinguish between loyalty cases and security cases?
2. What procedure has been established within your agency for handling both types of cases?
3. Where is the employee's last source of appeal?
4. To what extent is the accused employee advised of the nature of the charges and permitted to confront witnesses against him?
5. What standards does your agency apply in determining that an employee is (a) disloyal and (b) a security risk?
6. What are your latest figures as to the number of cases closed and pending in your Department (agency).

We will be grateful for your early reply. Will you also be kind enough to give us the name of the person with whom we should communicate in the event that your reply raises additional questions.

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Sincerely yours,
/s/ Anna Lord Strauss

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